

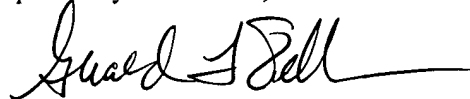
REMARKS

Applicants have amended Claims 29, 38, 39, 41-44, 46, 48, and 49. Applicants have cancelled Claims 26-28, 36, 37, 40, and 45, and the rejections of Claims 26-28, 36, 37, 40, and 45 are thus moot. Applicants appreciate the allowance of Claims 3-16, 19-25, 34, and 35.

Applicants also appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 29, 30, 39, and 46-49. Applicants have amended Claims 29, 39, and 46 into independent form by incorporating the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, Applicants have amended Claim 38 to depend from new independent Claim 39 and Claims 41-44 to depend from new independent Claim 46. The rejections of Claims 38 and 41-44 are thus moot.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of pending Claims 3-16, 19-25, 29, 30, 34, 35, 38, 39, 41-44, and 46-49.

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